(c) The expenditure incurred on the maintenance of National Highways in Karnataka during last 3 years is given below:

Year	Amount (Rs. in crore)
1998-99	30.80
1999-2000	39.30
2000-2001	30.86

Borrowings By NIIAI

4525. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL:
SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has decided to take Government borrowings route for the second phase of its US $ 260 million ADB loan;

(b) whether this is in contrast to the previous US $ 180 million.loan for the 1st tranche; and

(c) if so, the reason therefor and the advantage of this route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE- MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) This loan will be a loan intermediated by Government unlike the US $ 180 million loan which was a direct loan to National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Keeping in view the debt. servicing capacity of NHAI, it has been decided that the new loan should be an intermediated loan.

Impact of National Highways Development Project on Delhi

4526. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Delhi has written a letter to the Prime Minister about the impact that the proposed National Highways Development Project (NHDP) may have on the Capital by